

Rifle used to kill JFK was available in York

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I WENT TO SEE the movie "JFK" purposely to find out what information it gave about the Italian carbine, the gun that killed President John F. Kennedy.

There are some facts about the Carcano rifle that people should know, and that might shatter the very theory of conspiracy.

The Carcano rifle, which is actually called a Carbine because of its compact design and weight, is a 6.5 millimeter or approximately a .25 caliber.

The fitting of the bolt is of a loose or sloppy tolerance, intended for a speedy action and battle conditions. The range of the rifle is of very long range, of a flat trajectory up from 200 to 300 yards, ideal for sniping and for concentration of fire inflicting more than one casualty on impact, due to the speed operating bolt and penetration of power.

Many people do not know that the Carcano rifle was available for purchasing in York at the Sunny Surplus store at George and King streets at the end of World War II for about \$10 plus ammo.

This is identical to the Carcano that killed President John F. Kennedy, and the inference by the movie "JFK," which alludes that the CIA might have been involved in the conspiracy and coverup.

Let us keep the merit of the Carcano rifle in perspective, and let us not be influenced by the detractors of the characters allegedly involved in "JFK."

If there was really a conspiracy — does anyone really believe that the conspirators would endorse the use of a \$10 surplus rifle? Why not an M1 Garand semi-automatic rifle

that shoots as fast as you can pull the trigger?

Lee Harvey Oswald used a Carcano 6.5 mm although he had a scope on it, which he might have installed himself. He used the military ammo that came

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with the purchase of the rifle, because commercial ammo was not available.

Oswald sighted the rifle from the window of the sixth floor of the book depository building where he worked. He bench rested the rifle on the window sill, using books for elevation of his eye level, waiting for the motorcade to go around the bend, to afford him a going-away shot — approximate speed of the motorcade, 10 miles per hour. The shot struck the back of the president's head and exited below the Adam's apple, at a correct mathematical declination — not because he wanted to, but because the rifle was designed to shoot high.

The Italian ammo for the Carcano was purposely spiced for great distance, of far beyond 200 yards. The bullet hole where it exited was not more than one-half-inch in diameter — proving that he used the bronze-jacket shell that came with the purchase of the rifle.

The function and design of the Carcano, if elected by the conspirators for the maximum success of an assassination, defies logic and intelligence. The unsophistication of the Carcano negates the theory of conspiracy!

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